A WRECKED LIFE;

THE EFFECT OF SLANDER.

Mrs. Graham called on Mrs. Grant one pleasant day in July. They were neighbors, and loved a bit of gossip. Mrs. Graham seated to call on her. Shall I tell you what caused over the fragrant garden to the little white house beyond.

"Who lives there?" is the query.
"Don't you know! There is the place where the widow Bryson and her daughter live." "Ah, the old and the young lady who sat in the west pew last Sunday?"

"Have you called?" questioned Mrs. Gra-"Me!" with emphasis.

"Yes; are you not going to neighbor with "I don't associate with every one.

" No, I suppose not-but are not these nice people?"
"No, I don't say they are not. I don't be-

"Oh! what is it?"

"Who has been there? I'll never tell it." for the sake of her dead father.
There are many such cases.

Mrs. Grant shook her head. "Ladies."

"I never saw any ladies calling there." "Gentlemen ?" "Yes, if you call Squire Gregory a gentle-

"Squire Gregory!" Mrs Graham lifts her hands in horror. We will just whisper to the reader that the masculine in question bore a very evil reputa-

tion, baving been, figuratively speaking, kicked out of society long ago. "And you saw him really there?" mused Mrs. Graham. "Is it possible? Well, one cannot mistake their character ; I'm glad we've found them out in sheep's clothing.

Mrs. Grant shells her peas for dinner, and Mrs. Graham rolls up her knitting work. "Don't be in a hurry, Mrs. Graham." "O, I have not been. By the way, have you

got any yeast that you could spare? Mine soured, and I wish to bake to-morrow, if possi-"O, yes; take a cupfull now, or send Jennie over for it," said Mrs. Grant.

"Going up to Mrs. Merrill's, said Mrs. Grant. Here's her Magazine that I borrowed last week; I have been trying to get John to take it : he likes to read it as well as I do, but when he can borrow he won't subscribe.' Mrs. Merrill, an aristocratic lady who lived

in a two-story brick, greets her visitor with a polite good morning, and ushers her into her sitting-room. There is a canary in a gilded cage, who is thrilling his songs very merrily and there are blooming flowers in the win-"Will you lay, off your shaker?" asked

Mrs. Merrill quietly. "Oh, 'tisn't worth while-I just run in. I ing to the store, and thought I would

moved." "how dreadful warm the weather is." "It is uncommonly sultry," said Mrs. Merrill, taking up the embroidery she had laid aside on the entrance of her visitor. "We scarcely feel sentative case, who committed the first thirty the heat, however; we have a good draught,

"Not yet. I was speaking to Mariam about calling to-day. What a sweet girl Miss Bry- all the scraps together wouldn't pay, and, if it son seems to be; rather melancholy, though— did, the dress would be more absurd than a sympathy, but their visits are short. It is felt style as formerly; his wife and daughters are sympathy, but their visits are short. It is felt have you called yet ?"
"Not I."

"Why ?" "I don't visit where Squire Gregory does," she replied.

"Squire Gregory? you are surely "Oh, I guess not-but I've said more now

don't know as I should care that she should unshapely blooms-just as shining silks and synonym of cruelty. associate with such people.' "If that's their character, of course not,"

high bred, and her daughter so modest and gen-

Mrs. Graham takes her leave with a "now do come and spend the afternoon when you can,

The latter and her daughter sat quietly at their work. Mariam is finishing a dress for their work. By-and-by she loops up.

"I never was more deceived in any one my life, mother."
"Nor I."

flowers breathe out their perfume unheeded. them out in time. "There's the door bell now ringing," said Mrs. Merrill."

The person chanced to be Mr. John Elmore, the chorister. He is good looking enough, and has a pleasant voice, and many bits of news to Mr. Elmore made known his errand; is some-

evening to learn a new voluntary for the next Sabbath, when the new pastor is to preach his next sermon. in our choir after this," continued John Elmore;

voice. I just called this morning and gave her out." an invitation to join." "Mr. Elmore?"

" Well ?" The haughty Merrill blood is up now in a

moment. "If she sings in the choir I do not." "What do you mean ?"

"Just what I have said. She is said not be a very proper person and if she sits in the choir on Sunday, I leave it." "I am sure I don't know what to do," said

the young man. "I invited her, and it would be the height of rudeness to withdraw the invi-Miss Merrill could not help him in his dilemma, and Mr. Elmore left the house in a very eagles as he could carry, he had better send The natural love of the heart is to certain

uncomfortable state of mind.

by the congregation. True to her word Mariam Merrill arose and by hand or brain. left the choir. The sensation occasioned by cribed.

The young lady who sat next to Miss Bryson turned her back to her made no offer of her | kind of education. note book when she rose to sing : she seemed

ing of all this?

Mr. John Elmore had gotten himself into a take. The cream of the world's heroes and assistance! fine pickle. The young lady members of his helpers were more hopelessly situated than are choir notified him that they would sing no more you. The open Virgil and grammar and dic-

disagreeable task he was obliged to perform. out David Livingston, while he drew out the py to be here. In you I see men who envy may not, if he will, better his condition with to become a member of the choir, compelled him to withdraw the invitation, it was a very rude proceeding, but she would pard on him! weaker that the misery of biglitted nearts, pare cheeks, and sunken eyes. I see around me gray haired and sunken eyes. I see around me gray haired and sunken eyes. I see around me gray haired and sunken eyes. I see around me gray haired and sunken eyes. I see around me gray haired sires, broad-shouldered men of middle age, young men and youths, who have learned to week's earning. He must begin by saving a sires, broad-shouldered men of middle age, young men and youths, who have learned to week's earning. He must begin by saving a sires, broad-shouldered men of middle age, young men and youths, who have learned to week will amount to twenty-six dollars a year. proceeding, but she would pard on him! temple of renown. Perhaps, had he been a young men and youths, who have learned to many girls would have rallied after the shock, pampered college boy, he had not carved his look with horror on those who annually cause. In ten years, adding interest to its saving, the

and defiantly met the inhospitable world; but name among those "who were not born to in our noble land more than a million of bleed- poor man will be able to rey a little house. If not so with Ellen Bryson. Whenever she went into society she was treated with scorn and George Stratton's hand, laid kindly on the bound to honor and respect for having broken he can have a house twice as large; and larger contempt; so at lenth she remained at home and grieved herself sick over it. She was one of those frail blossoms that a rough wind or Gough, but, perhaps, the hard, narrow places children as "brands snatched from the burn-

but lynx-eyed neighbors noticed that Squire | those marvellous creations of the great tem-Gregory was there with small bundles and par- perance advocate, remarked, "Edward Evecels, and that was enough for them. For if they had not been evil disposed they could have

As well might a man expect to ring out harp thought of, but they are like seeds of flour or "What do I want of the which will be seen presently.

As well might a man expect to ring out harp thought or, but they are like seeds of hour or fruitful tree falling by the wayside, borne by some bird afar, happily thereafter to fringe with

caused by some kind of worry or trouble, and with your thought as your ear, you will hear that poor persons were rendering assistance. | with it the blasting in the far-off mountain Several volunteered. Mrs. Bryson treated mine-the roaring of the smelting-furnace, the them coldly, politely; but the night Mr. Grant, rumbling of the rollingmill, the buzzing of Mrs. Merrill, and others, were engaged in the saws and hissing of planes, and a thousand

There are many such cases. When you speak

evil of any one, and condemn harshly, remem-

There are many friends of summer.

But when winter chills the blossoms,

They depart with the perfume.

Cling to him who clings to you.

Do not harshly judge your neighbor, Do not deem his life untrue,

Those who stand amidst the tempest.

Firm as when the skies are blue,

Will be friends while life endureth :

When you see a worthy brother

Buffeting the stormy main,

Lend a helping hand fraternal, Till he reach the shore again;

Don't desert the old and tried friend

Cling to those who cling to you.

When misfortune comes in view,

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From the Christian Union.

BY THE REV. A. MCELROY WYLIE.

right idea, and it has been largely lost.

in his belly-and be a lout after all.

man needs to be backled and spun just as much

make a mental man of him.

Can't Get An Education.

For he then needs friendship's comforts;

Cling to those who cling to you.

Deeds are great, though words are few :

If he makes no great pretensions;

On the broad highway of action,

Who are kind while flowers bloom,

Friends of worth are far and few;

So when one has proved his friendship.

did it?"

never can.

sured to you again.'

when a child's education begins, replied, "Three generations before it is born." Much indeed es back of us, for it is hard to change the eshis visits? Had you ascertained, ere you spread sence of material-no amount of planing and broadcast the shameful reports that broke my polishing can turn out a marble mantel from child's heart and crazed her brain, it would have been far better. We were poor-that is,

But a great deal more lies around us and forin moderate circumstances. We rented this house, the owner promising to take his pay in ward of us. Parents who have gone through sewing. We neither of us knew of anything long lanes of hard conditions of life, and have, being rumored against Squire Gregory's cha- consequently, come to something, say, "I don't racter, and I must do him the justice to say want my son to take the knocks I got through that he has treated us with more humanity than all my earlier life; he shall have every advantyou all. If this be the means of learning you age." And so Uriah goes through all the ada lesson, my child will not have died in vain. vantages and here is his portrait drawn by a yet pray God to forgive-I am afraid that I clever pen : "At sea he is a land-lubber, in the country a cockney, in town a green-horn, in Too late now, the tongue of slander has tri- science an ignoramus, in business a simpleton, umphed! What a lesson this narrative should in pleasure a milksop—everywhere out of his teach! They placed snowdrops in her hand, and adrift, or by whatever words utter ignorance speak well of any one, I believe in just letting looked with tears into her face—the members and incapacity are to be described," and we of that choir and villagers who had shunned may add, it is lucky if, in morals, he is not

her with contempt so shortly before ! Too late worse than all this combined. "Oh! nothing much; but I guess if you saw | now! tears of repentance could not bring her | Let your hard conditions draw you out-not what I see daily, you wouldn't think of my back again! They had murdered their fair, crush you-and you are an e-du-cated man, I calling; they don't suffer for want of com- sweet flower, where they should have protected care not though you have never rubbed through it from this cruel world-if not for her sake, college halls,

The Drunkard's Funeral.

Of all sad spectacles, a drunkard's funeral is

ber this over-true story; also never forget that, 'whatsover you judge ye shall be judged; and one of the saddest. It is sad to see a beautiful child cut down in whatsoever measure ye mete, it shall be meathe bloom of life, and one of the most affecting scenes of earth is the grief of a loving family CLING TO THOSE WHO CLING TO YOU. at the open grave of a lovely and promising child. We wonder not at the heart of a mother refusing comfort at such a time. But how many mitigating considerations will be suggested to the sufferers as the hours roll along. The child was dutiful, was upright, was loving, was kind and tender-hearted, was much admired in the community, and has left behind a good name and a precious memory. In after years the cup, the cup which was so bitter when drank, will shed a rich fragrance,-and the death of that child will form a theme for sweet meditations and conversation.

> It is sad to follow man or woman to the grave, whatever the life and character, whether old, or young, or in middle age, whether rich or poor, whether Christian or infidel, whether moral or immoral, virtuous or vicious. It is sad to see a man laid away in the ground forever, peculiarly sad if there are no assurances left behind that he has exchanged this world

And yet the saddest of all these sad scenes s that of the drunkard's death and funeral, specially if he be a husband and father. In his death, in the preparations for the funeral, in the funeral exercises, in the burial service, in the deportment of the attendants, in the deportment of the widow and orphans, in the thoughts and feelings afterward recurring-in all these, there is not a circumstance, not a suggestion in any way mitigating the sadness of the spectacle or the occasion. He dies in a Perhaps you are mistaken. Most men think | house stripped of all its comforts—upon a bed g the mind. It is just the reverse | whose coverings are threadbare and dingy; for call and return this magazine." Fanning her- -a drawing out (educo) as the word means. they are the same his mother gave him fifteen self with her shaker, which she had just re- The genius who first used the word had the or twenty years ago, when he set up housekeep-Look at it thus: You envy the college-bred and bereft of all those lines of love and thought lines of Homer, and people were awed at his child. Some demon has erased them now, and and there's a good shade around the house; learning. But that was all he knew; he never came to anything. You have noticed the scrapiust entered, "perhaps Mrs. Graham would box beneath the tailor's table. That was his dren have been taken by sympathetic hearts to mind-full of little odds and ends-the mere | be fed and clothed, and are miles away, save one "Thank you dear; how cool and nice. By chippings of subjects, bits of varied knowl- to do errands for mother. The heart broken the way, have you called on our new town's edge of different colors and textures—that was wife—abused, scolded, traduced—alone of all all. Not a piece large enough to furnish cloth- those once friends, remains. The physician and ing for a single purpose or subject; and to put the pastor visit him, and the neighboring woby many, and said by a few impulsive ones, "It But that man is e-du-cated, who, whether or would be a blessing to the family and to the not he has ever rubbed his back against a col- town if he could die." At last, when the mes-

the drawing out to a practical end. The well children are sent for to come to their father's than I meant to. Don't let that influence you; wrapped cables of a suspension bridge exist in funeral. They shudder more at the word father but if I had a daughter like Mariam there, I that mass of crude ore, or in those rough and than at the word funeral, for to them it is the satin dresses are in yonder mulberry leaves. The hour comes for the funeral service. The Both strength and beauty-these are the ob- selections of Scripture, the prayer, the address, replied Mrs. Merrill. "I never dreamed any- jects of education-must be drawn out. The all contribute to the sadness of the occasion. thing of that kind; the old lady seemed so stuffing in the furnace or into the jaws of the There are none of the promises for the blessed silk-worm is nothing if it stop there-it is an dead, read for the comfort of the living. The offence. Libraries and professors and black- frailty and morality of man, and the brevity of boards and text-books, you may swallow them human life, are the themes of Scripture, of all-the whale was no wiser for having Jonah | prayer, and of the address; no others are introduced. No virtues in the character of the Let us have right ideas on this subject. It dead are commended, no words of sweet conis the difference between success or failure, both solations are offered to sufferers,-for where herself, and her dainty fingers fly swiftly at in character and position in life. Tom Corwin | are the sufferers? No allusion is made to the came to a lawyer's office a great, strong-look- | blessed realm where the tears shall be wiped ing wood-chopper of a man. "Mr., I want to away from our eyes. For there are no tears. study law." "Well, what have you done in The fountain of tears has long since been dried "Nor I."

the way of study? Do you know anything of up. Not even is that golden text for such occasions referred to. "Blessed are they that chirping unnoticed in his bright cage; the scientific course?" "No." "Then I would mourn, for they shall be comforted." For there advise you to keep at your trade." "But are no mourners here. They have passed that "I'm sorry and disappointed," continued nevertheless I mean to study law, and if you stage of experience, and are now in that of Mariam. "I thought she would be such an don't take me I'll go elsewhere." That pluck calm composure. The mourning was done years addition to our set; but I am glad we found rather pleased the lawyer, but he quietly con- ago, and the burning hearts were seared and

lege wall, draws out like a spider, a silk-worm. senger does come, then gather many friends of

or a wire machine. Men's possibilities are the widow and orphans to offer assistance and

lumps of ore, or, at best, a blow of metal. The sympathy, but there is not among them a single

heat of a well-revolved purpose is needed, then one of the boon-companions of his revels. The

cluded he would settle the matter in another the fountains of grief were sealed. way. He took down "Greenleaf on Evi- Oh that man should live to see all the tears dence," (considered the student's brain-bruiser.) | wept out over his life, which were given for gave him about four doses in one, and said, his death, and that others should live to see no "Here, try your hand on this; I'll be back in | tears fall upon his grave. This, this is unuta couple of days, and then come and stand your | terably sad.

examination." At the hour appointed Corwin | And then the effort at the proprieties of the was on hand, gave a thorough analysis of the occasion contribute to the sadness. The crape, thing about a choir meeting next Thursday quadruple measure, and went on until told to | the veil, the dejected countenance, the solemn stop. The lawyer expressed his astonishment, procession, the last look into the grave, the and confessed that what he had assigned him face buried in the handkerchief, the slow re-"But you can't guess whom we are to have a current of the supposed would have snuffed out his ardor entirely, but as the self-appointed student went on, the lawyer exclaimed, "That will do: I'd and character and miseries of the poor wretch, "a new member. Miss Bryson has a fine advise you to study law-it is in you, draw it whose fate would be wept over if it were within the limits of human possibility; but as it is not, Gibbon says, "Every person has two educations, one which he receives from others, and Sad as is such a scene, we have beheld it all one, more important, which he gives to him- with our own eyes, and we have cried in secret

self." Hard conditions draw out a man, and prayer, "O God, save us from a drunkard's and then you have right and boldness to punish you and I are better for such an education. A | funeral!" as raw cotton does. And the best gin for him INFLUENCE. - This influence of others upon is, first, oxy-gen (gin) for body health, and ourselves makes the exercise of choice, as to secondly, the gin of grinding circumstances, to where and with whom we shall dwell, a very important item of life. This choice determines He needs to be pulled through narrow places, to a great extent the characters we bear for all as much as the wire, before he will do for the time. Many have felt the stronger tendency bridging of the great gorges and chasms of life with them was to select that which did not prowhich swallow up the bloated and capon-lined. | mise the best religiously. One sinner destroy-If a man were offered ten times as many gold | eth much good.

them many miles from home, and swear that he sources, where influences to poison the whole The next Sabbath Miss. Bryson took her will never use one of them except upon the moral system may be received, but which it is whole volume than is contained in the fellowseat in the choir, according to invitation. The condition that he walks forth and back again impossible to eradicate wholly ever afterwards. ing sentence: "To be Queen of Hearts, a wochurch was crowded when she entered, and, as for each, one by one, before he spends it. A How easily a dark stain has been made upon the choir seats were in front, she was observed dollar is never worth a dollar to a man until the beautiful polished surface of a table, that he has given a dollar's worth of work for it- could not be removed. A deep moral stain her soul. Men see enough of the dark and may be left on one's soul by contact with sin, tempestuous side of life in their daily exist-And now know ye that the same is true of which shall prove a source of anguish for years. ence; their homes should be shrines wherein this act can be better imagined than des- knowledge. It was the fourteen miles walk To be assimilated, therefore, with evil doers is to gather new strength and recognize holier and back again, taken to borrow law books, a very delicate matter, as it concerns the soul. types; their wives should be "in the world, that drew Lincoln out, and that was the best No one, without sufficient cause, who values not of it!" It is not necessary for a woman his moral character, can place himself within to stand alone, defying the world. There are Perhaps among the many readers of The their influence. Even to place one's self within sufficient strong arms to fight the battle for her. to be avoided as one with the plague. Her Christian Union there are some in families- the power of vice, to do good, has its risks. Her strength lies in the very weakness of her face grew crimson, and grew pale as ashes. way on the farm, or in the woods, or in the What struggles do Christians sometimes have, to blot out from their thoughts images of scenes the charm, subtle and sure, of a faminine manme to get an education!" You greatly mis- witnessed where they have gone solely to bear ner is a more potent spell than ever enchanter

"In this cause" (temperance) "I rejoice to STRIVE .- In this country there is no workunless Miss Bryson was removed and this tionary fastened to the old-fashioned loom drew be with you, my friends. I am proud and hap- ing man, be he ever so poor and humble, who He wrote her a note stating that circum- threads; and while he weaved the webs he not the magnificent success of those who build each succeeding year. To do this, he must corunkind frost will so easily destroy.

Very few persons called at the white cottage,

of his early life did more; and that wise observer may have been right who, after one of rious victory they have won!"—B. M. Piatt. of his early life did more; and that wise ob- ing," and honored by their friends for the glo- indulgence, that keeps us poor.

A SWEET THOUGHT, -- Good, kind, true, holy to the altar a damsel of about sixteen, the words, dropped in conversation, may be little | clergyman said to him, "The font is at the ore, as to expect to pick up good merely by the some bird afar, happily thereafter to fringe with gentleman. Perhaps their conscience smote them a little when Dr. Green told them that the young lady at the cottage was ill with the brain fever, You hear a piano and if you listen as well Review.

Reaching after sunbeams, With a dimpled hand-That is right, my darling, Grasp the golden band;

CATCHING SUNBEAMS.

Fold it to thy bosom, Let it cheer your heart ; Gather radiant sunbeams : TRUTHS AND TRIFLES.

A social glass to which ladies are addicted-

The mere lapse of years is not life. Kowledge, truth, love, beauty, goodness, faith, alone can give vitality to the mechanism of exist-

An old bachelor is a traveler on life's railroad, who has entirely failed to make the pro-

The trouble in the cadetship business, as in other trades, seems to be that the middlemen

The best vest for the season-the harvest.

yet; but they have been starved and repressed. unthrifty, they give no mellowness to being,

brass kettle by beating it. powder, is said to be a hoax.

They are defrauded, somehow, of what is justly Christian. He goes an hungered, yet refusing nies. His greatest want goes unsatisfied; and

are condensed the deeper they burn. sire. Why, then, does he not grow full-souled Politeness is like an air cushion-there may

souls feed. It is varied food : the same kind was, received the withering reply : "Well, you go home and read your Robinson Crusce.'

Ireland, is the following epitaph: "Erected to the memory of John Phillipps accidentally shot as a mark of affection by his brothers." Value the friendship of him who stands by

A Western editor keeps eggs in his sanctum to "set" bores on. The ties that connect business men with the

If you want a policeman, it's ten to one you won't find him; but if you don't want him, it's

sympathies, running from each to each, have a hundred to one he will find you! Liberty is a good institution, but people have different ways of understanding it. A Teutonic friend of ours says: "When I no gets mine

lager, I leaves the country."

Doing Penance .- "Sophie Sparkle" reports what she saw with her mind's eve at a fashionable church, as follows : "Mary, Mary," said a deavoring to find out the difference between a man and a woman fighting in the street. voice at my elbow, and at first I thought some one was invoking the Ave Maria. But no. An irreverent rascal publishes the following 'Mary, do look at Mrs. Roundabout's shawl! atrocious conundrum : " What is the difference

Isn't it frightful?" "Hush, Fan, it's a real between a maiden of sixteen and a maiden of India." I could not help seeing and hearing sixty? One is careless, and happy, and the other is hairless and cappy.' is only two short years since Mr. Pomposity

No one has more sincere wishes for your happiness than I,' take your hat." Johnny is just beginning to learn geography. He says that the Poles live partly at one end | then set aside to cool. When cold, roll two pairing grave, and left his wife and little ones of the globe and partly at the other. He knows small teaspoonfuls of soda perfectly smooth,

to all outward appearance is devout. Is this Will his prayers be heard while his brother's voice still calls to him from the grave? Nettie spected for itself .- Vinet. S. fancied the shade of Charles Augustus's

"Look here, boy," said a nervous gentleman

powers in trying to solve how many yards of real lace there was on Mrs. Bullion's cloak. they did a big thing by having it given out or shape in a wine-glass. When in shape, roll Mrs. Lynx made the discovery that Mrs. Goldthat they had the small pox to get rid of the lobby members, but the lobby all got vaccinated, dip them into a little beaten egg, and fry in rug's velvet mantle was skillfully pieced in the and are worse than ever. tion lace on her handkerchief. How hard to do penance in the right way! Who in that great

obeying that command which says, "Sell what thou hast, and give to the poor ?- Evening tween the two, is the highest type of female

Little faults become great, and even monstrous in our eyes, in proportion as the pure light of God increases in us; just as the sun, in rising, reveals the true dimensions of objects Will he bring the powers of mind and body which were dimly and confusedly discerned into exercise, and so be useful and healthful during the night.

never been one."-Schleiermacher.

by-and-by. Do you swear now? Do you heat, deceive, lie, steal? Do you do dishonor-There are visions of ladders between heaven le things! Are you disrespectful to, or do and earth, and these angels ascending and deyou disobey your parents and teachers? Rescending upon them. - Collier.

law free passage. Though to your loss protect law, but the law above you. Live therefore the lives yourselves you would have the people live, Through the week we go down into the valleys of care and shadow. Our Sabbaths should be hills of light and joy in God's presence; and the transgressor. Keep upon the square, for so, as time rolls by, we shall go on from moun-God sees you; therefore do your duty, and tain top to mountain top, till at last we catch

be sure you see with your own eyes and hear the glory at the gate, and enter in to go out no with your own ears. Entertain no lurchers; more forever. cherish no informers for gain or revenge; use AN EFFECTIVE LECTURE. - A drunken father no tricks; fly to no devices to support or cover once sold the Testament of a sick child to ob injustice; but let your hearts de apright before tain a drink of whisky. When dying, she the Lord, trusting in Him above the contrivsaid, "Father I am going to see Jesus; what ances of men, and none shall be able to burt shall I tell Him that you did with my Testaor supplant.—Wm. Penn's Letter to his Wife ment?" From that hour the father gave up

> An old lady receiving a letter she supposed was from one of her absent sons, requested a neighbor to read it. He accordingly began to Johnny," exclaimed the old lady; "he always

man's conscience. He who tells lies frequently, will soon become an habitual liar, and will soon loose the power of readily distinguishing between the conceptions of the imagination and the recollections of his memory.

are a social set. They like the word family; it speaks of peace, mutual love, happy children, and comfort in its broadest sense. But suppose their signs were to read, "A. & B., importers of poor-houses, insane asylums, and ails. Families supplied. Choice drunkards. away." beggars, thieves, and assassins put up for family use; family poison store, etc." Would these FEELING NOT SYMPATHY .- A little water may

spring in the bottom of the well : but if it do not increase so as to fill the cavity and freely overflow, it will become fetid where it lies, and more noisome than utter dryness. It is quite possible, as to emotion, to be very languishing over the misfortune of others, and yet to do the unfortunate as little good as the misanthrope who laughs at human sorrows .- Rev. William Arnot.

lesson of resolute self-help, has made little progress as a student, has grown little towards real "What do I want of the font ?" said the old directly or indirectly do the governing.



The amateur is much puzzled with discriptions of new varieties of fruits, each claiming to be better than those that are in general cultivation. Among all fruits there are some City, D. C., commencing January 13, 1870. which, though not the best in all points, have the most desirable quality of being reliable. While we would have all who can afford to do so, to test the new kinds, we advise those about to plant for family use to take for their main dependence the well tested sorts.

generally known variety. The Eumelan promises to be a favorite. Delaware, Iona, Salem, and others, are excellent where they will succeed. Varieties that have been laid down are to be taken up and tied to the trellis. Plant good one-year-old, or at a most, two-year-old Why is a young lawyer like the national vines. It is common to see vines an inch and mere in diameter for sale. Such are not worth planting. If it is desired to propagate a vadeep, and lay down a cane of last years growth. This may be fastened in place by pegs, but it is not be covered with earth until the shoots have The story of a man who had a nose so large pushed. Cuttings of those varieties that start without artificial heat may be put out.

STRAWBERRIES .- Plant as directed last month -the earlier the better. Go over bees that straw over the plant, but leave it to mulch the

BLACKBERRIES .- Set early. See last month. The Kittatinny is the best generally tested

RASPBERRIES .- The tender varieties are to be uncovered. The Black Caps do not sucker, and the fruit is liked by most people. The McCormick (called Mammoth Cluster by some

is one of the best. CURRANTS.—Set plants in good soil, and give them good care. Proper pruning and culture will make almost any of the varieties acceptable. The Versailles and White Grape are the

GOOSEBERRIES .- The Houghton and American Seedling are hardy. Some of the English sorts may be tried to a moist soil by these who are fond of experiments. They will often mildew with the best care. - American Agricul

Domestic Recipes.

Blistered Hands and Feet.-The speediest remedy is to light a tallow candle and let the melted tallow drop in cold water, then mix the tallow in strong spirits and rub it thoroughly into the palms and soles. This is both a preventive and cure.

Gems. - Break into a quart of milk four eggs of the National Union. (two will answer) without beating, stir in flour till as thick as waffles. Beat the latter till smooth, and fill the gem-pans half full. Bake quick in a hot oven. No salt, soda, or cream

The gem-pans should be well buttered, and batter is being prepared; and when you are filling them, set the pan on the top of the range to keep it hot. When filled, set immediately Gems No. 2 .- Drop four eggs, without beat-

fuls of melted butter, and beat in flour until to you, 'I can never love you,' wait a little as thick as waffles. Pour into hot buttered Excellent Ginger Snaps. -Boil together one pint molasses, one cup butter, one tablespoonful of ginger. Let them only boil up once,

> on to just as little flour as will make it possible to roll out very thin. Bake quick. In the measuring of spoonfuls, be careful that the spoon is even full-not heaped. Careless measurement spoils many good dishes.

Ham Croquets .- Bits of boiled ham, too broken to slice neatly for the table, may be I ain't, neither," said the urchin; "I'm a To two cups, finely chopped boiled ham, put two tablespoonfuls of flour, six eggs if plenty—

four will answer-yolks and whites beaten separately. Stir all together, and make into balls, them in bread crumbs, cracker dust, or flour ; butter till of a clear golden brown. ---

A Cheerful Worker.

The Bible tells us "God loveth a cheerful

giver," and it surely teaches us that God loves 'a cheerful worker too. Work done cheerfully is done with a glad heart, and the love of Christ should so constrain every Christian that he should rejoice when an opportunity offers to do some work for his Master. God will give us opportunities. If we are ready and willing to do the work, not a day will pass but we may by Era a valuable auxiliary in the scheme of eduword or deed help forward Christ's kingdom. "It requires but one free resolution to be a Let us cheerfully do the work God gives us, man; whoever has formed this resolution will remembering it is not so much what we do as always be one; he who ceases to be a man has how we do it. The work may be humble, but if done prayerfully, for Christ's sake, we may hope for God's blessing, and our humble work may be the starting forward of some grand design which God will carry on to a glorious completion. We may serve God as truly in cheerfully performing our home duties, and by kind and helpful words to friends and neighbors, as THE BEST LEGACY .- Patrick Henry, on his in doing what the world calls great things; but death-bed, said to his children: "If I could if God gives us great things to do, let us not will to you the religion of Christ, it would fear that we shall fail in our work, but trusting make you all rich; but if I could will to you in Him, go forward cheerfully and "do with the whole world without it, you would still be our might whatsoever our hand findeth to do." Let us forget ourselves and do all things for Christ's sake, remembering His work of love artistic, and professional labor, and this knowlfor us, and God will help us from our inmost edge we would energise, direct, and make more hearts to say, "I delight to do Thy will, O God."-Christian at Work.

> "They who seek the throne of grace, Find that throne in every place, If we live a life of prayer, God is present everywhere.

"In our sickness or our health, In our want or in our wealth, If we look to God in prayer, God is present everywhere.

"When our earthly comforts fail, When the foes of life prevail, 'Tis the time for earnest prayer, God is present everywhere.'

WHAT EQUIVALENT?-A Boston paper tells an anecdote with a moral: "A young lady friend of ours met in company a young gentle- of their indusdrial pursuits, we ask that we man who evidently had an excellent opinion of may work in the printing office, whether private himself. During conversation he introduced or governmental, in the factory, the foundry, the the subject of matrimony, and expatiated at length upon the kind of wife he expected to river, the steamboat, in the warehouse, the store, marry; that is, if ever he should take the de- wherever labor is to be done and an able and cisive step. The honored lady must be wealthy. beautiful, accomplished, &c. His listener quietly we may claim a place without distinction as to waited until he ended, and then completely confounded him by asking, in the coolest possible manner, 'And pray, sir, what have you to offer in return for all this?' The young man stammered, reddened a little, and walked

On a tombstone in Germany there is painted stances unforceseen by him when he invited her weaved that character which, to-day, is the envy upon the misery of blighted hearts, pale cheeks, rect the habit of spending every week the full true descriptive titles smell as sweet?—Even- a red ox, with tail elevated and head sunk, evidently on the point of running his horns into a Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, Missouri, Tenchalk-white individual who is pressed up against nessee, Georgia, and Alabama, promising that a rock. Below the picture is this inscription :

> Came I into heaven's bourne; All so quickly did I die, Wife and children leave must I: But in eternity rest I now, All through thee, thou wild beast, thou !"

"By the thrust of ox's horn

There is no joy so great as that which springs from a kind act or a pleasant deed, and you may feel it at night when you rest, and in | their subscriptions and their influence. the morning when you rise, and through the day when about your daily business.

Sorrows are like clouds, which though black when they are just passing over us, when they are overpast become as if they were the gar ments of God thrown off in purple and gol along the horizon .- Beecher.

PROSPECTUS

A NATIONAL JOURNAL

A new journal, to be called the New Era devoted especially to the promotion of the Political, Educational, Industrial, and Economical interests of the Colored People of the United States, and to their Moral and Religious improvement, will be issued weekly in Washington

Such a paper is regarded by those whose judge. ment is entitled to consideration as a necessity of the times, and is approved by prominent public men and philanthropists in every section of GRAPE VINES .- The Concord is the most the Union. In response to these demand this paper is established.

ture-that of an Advocate and an Educator. As an Advocate, it will assert and maintain every right pertaining to the American citizen, independent of race, color, or accident of birth It wherever the Constitution extends or the national ensign waves. As an Educator, its colums will be an especial medium for the effective diffusion of right principles and much-needed instruction. For the inculcation of those habits of duce to independent manhood, and give vitality and energy to free government, insuring in return blessings to the governed.

While the editors of the New Era are colored men, and the contributors will be mainly colored, yet the columns will be open for the discussion of all questions of vital importance to the country by any of its citizens. Communications suitable for publication in these columns, are solicited from our friends in all parts of the country, especially in the Southern States.

THE POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

terests of the colored American citizen, the simple rule of equal justice for all men will govern the policy of the New Era. It will demand the recognition of no right for one citizen which it will not freely accord to every other. It will oppose any attempt to confer privileges upon a class, that are withheld from the humblest citizen in the land. It will demand for every citizen equality before the law, and full protection of person and property in every State and Territory

a oneness of purpose and encourage unity of

such as ours is intended to be, are better qualiand beat into the molasses, while foaming pour | fied to discharge their duties to the State, to one another, and to God. The nation will ever find its surest safeguard in the intelligence of its voting masses, and the journal which would promote the highest good of government and people must lend its energies and its power to the work of educating that people. Especially is the agency of the press needed by that portion of the people, colored and white, who, either in slavery or under the ban of its blighting influences, have been deprived of the opportunities enjoyed by their more favored brethren of the

> The Freedmen's Bureau had under its charge during the past year, as shown by the last annual report, 114,523 colored pupils in the day schools and 89,731 in the Sunday schools, employing 6,650 teachers. About 190,000 of these pupils were slaves at the commencement of the war. The educational department of this paper will contain regular contributions from the Freedmen's Bureau and other matter adapted to the capacities and needs of this large number of pupils and teachers, thereby making the NEW

THE INDUSTRIAL DEPARTMENT.

The industrial interests of the colored people will claim and receive a large share of our attention. We adopt the following extracts from the address promulgated by the Colored Labor Convention held in this city in December last, indicating the views and policy of the NEW ERA

"For our own good and the welfare of our country in all things pertaining to her material and moral well-being, we seek a better and broader opportunity to gain knowledge in the fields of agricultural, mechanical, commercial, largely effective through the enlightening and sanctifying influence of education. Our mottoes are liberty and labor, enfranchisement and education! The spelling-book and the hoe, the hammer and the vote, the opportunity to work and to rise, a place on which to stand, and to be and to do, we ask for ourselves and children as the means in the use of which, under God. we are to compass these achievements which furnish the measure, the test, and justification of our claim to impartial treatment and fair "That this end may be reached, we ask, first

of all, that trades be opened to our children, and that they be given the benefit of a just and equitable system of apprenticeship; in the second place, that for every day's labor given we be paid full and fair remuneration, and that no avenue of honest industry be closed against us and thirdly, since we believe that the intelli gence, the elevation, and happiness of all people depends in no small degree upon the diversity faithful workman is wanted we conceive that our color or former condition, since all that can be demanded by the employer is ability, faithful performances of the contract made, and the employee reasonable treatment and the compensation promised. Hence, while we condemn that spirit which in its proscriptive regulations denies us industrial opportunity and the fruits of honest toil, we rejoice in all those evidences of pros-pective good which we and other laboring classes see in the erection of factories and foundries in our strong and labor-hardened hands, our intel-lectual powers, quickened by the influences of education, and our purposes made doubly earnest by considerate treatment and the prospect of just compensation, shall all be given to the development of the industrial resources of our several States in the interest of our employers.

The New Era will be made a desirable visitor for the family and the fireside, and we earnestly appeal to our friends everywhere to aid us by

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little bed-room to perform the last offices for other sounds all making a harmonious hymn, poor Ellen, the bereaved mother said, bitterly : which the tools of a hundred industries have If you would have true friends be true to "You people in this town have murdered my sung over the innumerable elements which go child. Tell me now before her corpse why you in to furnish the make-up of that splendid in-Bid the clouds depart. Brigham Young rivals Alaska in the 'sealing strument. A character is no more born than a niano is born. When your feet shall wander There was no reply. A quaint, learned friend, on being asked From my side away, To live long, it is necessary to live slowly. "I heard yesterday," continued the old lady,

There are such things as little souls; we see

many painful illustrations of this fact. Then

there are such things as lean souls. The little

ones are dwarfed from the beginning, and that

they will ever grow liberal in dimensions is not

to be expected. The lean ones were created of

goodly size; they are of generous breadth, even

They have no fullness. They gladden no one

with the plenitude of their riches. Poor and

Fullness of soul is a natural outgrowth of

true Christian experience. All lean souls lack

some essential, vitalizing, quickening influence.

theirs. A lean-souled man is not a full-souled

food. The cravings of his better nature he de-

he reaches out continually with a sense of de-

and hearty? Chiefly because he will not. He

wants, but mistakenly supposes he cannot afford

to gratify that want. A false notion of econo-

would not satisfy each. It is generous food;

husks contain no nutriment. All kindly im-

pulses, cherished and expanded, contribute to

soul-fullness. All sweet charities, lovingly ad-

ministered, have in them the elements of

growth. All pure gratifications, properly en-

joyed, deepen and enrich the life within. Ar.

easy social habit broadens and makes better.

Asceticism is the mother of lean souls. Re-

serve, coldness and distrust of one's kind,

keeps such souls lean forever. Doubt and com-

No soul fattens wholly from within. Meditation is a help to soul fullness; but you can-

not grow rich on meditation alone, The poorest

souls that ever returned to their Creator, went

up from hermit cells. Call you that life wealthy

which narrows in upon itself through all its

time? Full souls expand to the touching of

other souls, and grow as by accretion. Sweet

tender sustenance. The loves and the hopes

and the longings which are yielded to worthily,

overflow and render fertile and beautiful every

Mr. Pomposity Jones, whose portly figure to-

wered near me. His voice was the loudest of

all when he opened his lips to say "Amen." It

Jones failed, yet he lives in the same elegant

and keep the same number of servants. Poor

L. lost all by the failure, sank into to a des-

penniless and alone in the world. But Mr.

Pomposity Jones faithfully attends church, and

doing penance? Is this acceptable to heaven?

gloves, and mentally resolved to search the city

over to find the same tint for her own fair hands.

Fannie Ray was busily engaged in trying to

solve the mysteries of Sallie Sunbeam's chignon.

Mrs. Calculus was employing her mathematical

crowd of repenting ones would have thought of

WHAT SHALL THAT BOY DO .- Who will tell?

The boy who reads this, what will he do?

When he becomes a man, will he do many

things? Will he read, and so be intelligent?

and strong? Will he pray, and be pious, good

and so be graceful in speech, ready in commu-

nication, and of a strong influence? Say my

boy, what are you going to do? What you

like to do now, you will be very likely to do

member, the boy makes the man. If the boy

is bad, the man will be. If he is idle now, he

will be idle when a man. What will you be?

LET justice have its impartial course and the

no man against it; for you are not above the

THERE never was more truth embodied in a

and Children.

be christened."

-of a noble and virtuous soul? Will he write.

plaining will make empty the fullest garner.

We may not clearly explain upon what full

my keeps him perpetually poor.

no free amplitude to the inner life.

You will find that evil With the good may stray Never heed it, darling, Let it pass the while; Gather only sunbeams;

Keep your heart from guile. The bread earned by the sweat of the brow is thrice blessed, and it is far sweeter than the Grief may be your portion, tasteless loaf of idleness. Shadows dim your way; Clouds may darkly threaten To obscure the day.

Don't despair, my darling, per connections. There's a Father's love; How could there be shadows

With no light above. absorb all the profits. ---Fullness of Soul.

The grave is the true purifier, and in the charity of the living takes away the blots and

A terrible hore-the inside of a 15-inch gun.

currency? Because he is legal tender and somewhat green. You can no more silence a brawler by answering him, than you can get the ding out of a

that he couldn't blow it without the use of gun-When a cat sings, does she do it on "pur

If you would be pungent, be brief; for it is with words as with sunbeams—the more they soil.

be nothing in it, but it eases jolts wonderfully How would you express in one word having met a doctor of medicine? Met-a physician. A little boy asking a mate who Good Friday

The power behind the throne is oftener much greater than the throne itself. Witness the fellow who is vigorously kicked down stairs. On a tombstone in a churchyard at Ulster.

you in a storm; swarms of insects will sur- turist. round you in the sunshine.

Don't be too anxious to solve a conundrum. of tartar. We know a man who got too black eyes in en-

A French writer remarks: "If a lady says longer; all hope is not lost. But if she says gem-pans, and bake like the first.

it is so, because it is marked on the map. Christianity has given to truth a dignity independent of time and numbers. It has required that truth should be believed and re-

to an urchin who was munching candy at a leeture, "you are annoying me very much." "No | made into a very desirable breakfast dish. Members of the Illinois Legislature thought

A Boston lady complains that a sweet-tempered dyspeptic, a little too spiritual for this world, and a little too material for the next. and who, therefore, seems always hovering be-

God was never so real to men as now. Never were his messengers filling the heavens as now.

No vice more easily than lying stupifies a

A Rose by Another Name. The rumsellers

An old gentleman of eighty-four having taken SELF HELP.—He who has not learned the

manhood. Half the world refuses to do its own thinking, to toil through the solution of its own knotty problems; hence half the world who will "Oh! I beg your pardon," said the clerical not do this, must be subject to the other half glad some lonely wilderness .- North British wit, "I thought you had brought this child to who will. They who do the thinking will either

AGRICULTURAL.

THE FARM AND THE HOUSEHOLD.

Fruit Garden

The New Era will partake of a two-fold nariety by layers, open a trench a few inches will demand the recognition of these rights were covered with straw last fall, and part the industry, economy, and self-reliance which con-

Upon all questions involving the especial in-

The New Era will take high national ground pon all public questions, and labor to inspire

action, especially among the newly-enfranchised people of the Reconstructed States. Rememset into the oven to get quite hot, while the bering the past history of the Republican party, and recognizing what it has done for the colored people of the nation, the New Era will give its hearty support to that party, reserving to ourselves, however, entire independence on political questions, and the right to go further than ing, into a quart of milk, add two great spoonarty platforms and party policy, whenever in our opinion the rights of humanity or the interests of any portion of the people require it at THE EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT.

By education the people of a free Government,